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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION

REF: STATE 019754

1) EMBASSY REPEATED REFTEL TO CONGEN WITH REQUEST THAT WE
FURNISH DESIRED INFORMATION.

2) SALEMO TAKEN INTO CUSTODY ON/ABOUT AUGUST 8, 1974, ON SUSPICION
OF FRAUD. FORMAL INDICTMENT ON FRAUD CHARGES FILED AGAINST HIM WITH
DISTRICT COURT MUNICH I ON JANUARY 21, 1975.

3) CHARGES RELATE TO ESTABLISHMENT BY SALEMO IN EARLY 1974 OF FIRM
CALLED AFM HOLDING HANDELSGESELLSCHAFT GMBH AND TO THE
SELLING BY THAT FIRM OF BILLS OF EXCHANGE ("WECHSEL") IN A
FRAUDULENT MANNER. PRESENTLY KNOWN EXTENT OF LOSSES TO HIS CUSTOMERS
PUT AT DM 440,000. AUTHORITIES HAVE ALREADY OBTAINED TESTIMONY
FROM 40 PERSONS WHO CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN DEFRAUDED BY SALEMO.

4) INDICTMENT TREATS OFFENSE AS ONE WHOLE COMPLEX OF CONTINUING
ACTS. IT IS NOT GERMAN PRACTICE TO BREAK INDICTMENT DOWN INTO
INDIVIDUAL "COUNTS" OF FRAUD.

5) DATE OF TRIAL NOT YET SET. MAXIMUM PENALTY IS FIVE YEARS
IMPRISONMENT. CONGEN ADVISED THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILL PROBABLY
REQUEST SENTENCE OF AT LEAST SEVERAL YEARS.

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6) PENDING TRIAL SALEMO REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATIVE DETENTION AT STADELHEIM JAIL, MUNICH.

7) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE REFER TO MUNICH 1531, MUNICH 1661 AND MUNICH 1892, SENT TO DEPARTMENT AND BONN. SPIVACK

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